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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

George V. Lauder

Director, Public Affairs Office

SUBJECT:

Defense Department's Opening Banquet and Address

by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger of the

"Low-Intensity Warfare Conference

1. You have accepted an invitation to attend the reception (6:00 p.m.) and opening banquet (7:00 p.m.) of the "Low-Intensity Warfare" Conference sponsored by the Department of Defense at the National Defense University, Fort McNair on Tuesday, 14 January. Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger is giving the opening address "U.S. Military Power in Low-Intensity Warfare" at 8:00 p.m. Adjournment will be at 9:15 p.m. You will be met by Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs Noel Koch [COOK] in the Ballroom at Fort McNair's Officers' Club where the reception and banquet will be held. A business suit is the appropriate dress for the evening. Secretary Weinberger will be on your left and Representative Earl Hutto (D FL), a member of the Committee on Armed Services, will be on your right. (See attachment for biography of Rep. Hutto.) The Following will be seated at the head table:

The Hon. Caspar Weinberger

Secretary of Defense

The Hon. William J. Casey

Director of Central Intelligence

Rep. Earl Hutto

(D FL) First District

Dr. Fred Ikle [EE-KLAY]

Under Secretary of Defense for Policy

John Marsh

Secretary of the Army

Sir Robert Thompson (UK)

Retired Author, Former British Secretary

for Defense and Internal Security

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Judge Abraham Sofear

Special envoy for President to Israel

Noel Koch

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security

and African Affairs

Gen. Paul F. Gorman (USA, Ret)

Member, President's Blue Ribbon Committee on Defense Management

Professor Eugene V. Rostow

Author and Scholar

- 2. Attendees: Approximately 170 high level government, military, and civilian experts on counterterrorism, special operations, and related military subjects will be present at the banquet. On your arrival you will be given a list of the attendees. (See attached for list of foreign nationals.)
- 3. Press: Representatives of TV, radio, and the writing press will be present. Reporters and editors of NEWSWEEK, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, TIME, WASHINGTON POST, ARMED FORCES JOURNAL and NEW YORK TIMES will attend the dinner.
- 3. Background: The idea of the conference is to raise the awareness in Congress and the public about the importance of "small-scale" warfare in many regions where the Soviets or their surrogates support one side. Department of Defense is engaged in an effort to revitalize their Special Operations Forces. Closely related to this effort is an attempt to address the more likely forms of conflict at the lower end of the conflict spectrum. The Conference will explore the ramifications of low-intensity warfare and the problems of responding to it. George Shultz will give the luncheon talk; Jeane Kirkpatrick agreed to talk on the Soviet role. Ted Koppel will chair a panel on U.S. domestic aspects. (See attached agenda.)

George V. Lauder

Attachments As Stated